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CITY OF LOS ANGELES EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT DEBUTS FIVE STEPS TO NEIGHBORHOOD PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

Los Angeles, CA - The City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department (EMD) announced today its Five Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness program, an easy-to-use guide for creating a neighborhood-wide disaster preparedness plan along with a series of upcoming community preparedness workshops to be held throughout the City.

To introduce residents to the program, which is designed to help them better prepare for disasters and emergencies, the City has scheduled four FREE community workshops. Refreshments and a raffle with door prizes are provided. Registration is limited. Here are the dates and locations:

- Wednesday, September 17, from 6:30-8:30 PM, at the Cheviot Hills Recreation Center
- Thursday, September 18, from 6:30-8:30 PM, at the Alpine Recreation Center
- Wednesday, September 24, from 6:30-8:30 PM, at the Sunland/Tujunga Municipal Building
- Thursday, September 25, from 6:30-8:30 PM, at the Crenshaw Christian Center

At the core of the award-winning Five Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness program, is the Five Steps Toolkit which enables individuals to define their neighborhood, rally and engage community members, and build a customized disaster response plan. This toolkit is inclusive of people with disabilities, those whose primary language may not be English, and others who may need extra help after a disaster, in order to help provide for the safety of all, in time of emergency.

"All of us are greater than any one of us," said James G. Featherstone, General Manager of the City of Los Angeles' Emergency Management Department. "The Five Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness program is designed to empower communities to not only address the unique issues they may face in case of an emergency, but create a plan to manage an emergency situation safely and effectively."

For more information on the Five Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness program, including the Five Steps Toolkit, or to register for one of the four workshops, please visit <http://www.5steps.la>.

About the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department: Comprised of four divisions, the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department works to resolve the challenges in emergency management for the four million residents and 400,000 business firms that fall within its jurisdiction. The EMD's four divisions work with City departments, municipalities, and an array of community-based organizations to ensure that the City and its residents have the resources and information they need to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies, disasters, and other significant events. More information at <http://emergency.lacity.org>

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5 Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness

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“It will never happen” should not be your plan.

Join us for a workshop that will teach you a simple way to prepare your neighborhood for the next disaster. Visit **www.5Steps.LA** to register. Space is limited and will fill quickly.

WEST SIDE

Wednesday, September 17, 2014
Cheviot Hill Recreation Center
2551 Motor Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064

CENTRAL LA

Thursday, September 18, 2014
Alpine Recreation Center
817 Yale St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

VALLEY

Wednesday, September 24, 2014
Sunland – Tujunga Municipal Building
7747 Foothill Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 91042

SOUTH SIDE

Thursday, September 25, 2014
Crenshaw Christian Center
7901 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90044

WORKSHOPS ARE FREE OF CHARGE. REFRESHMENTS AND DOOR PRIZES ARE PROVIDED. Get a copy of our 5 Step “how-to” guide, a training DVD and much more! The workshop runs from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Check-in starts at 6:00 PM. Please arrive on time.

Have questions? Contact Crystal Chambers at Crystal@constantassociates.com, (424) 247-1214 or TTY (213) 978-0463. Quantities are limited to 100 per workshop for the 5 Steps material.

This event is sponsored by the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department

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